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Honorable William French Smith
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Dear Bill:

I have been concerned about the problem of unauthorized disclosures of sensitive intelligence information for some time and I know that you share my concerns. I very much appreciate the assistance you have provided in tackling this problem, particularly your promulgation of the Willard report and your support of NSDD-84. I think that it is now time for us to focus on additional areas where productive efforts might be undertaken. I would note, for example, the problems which have been raised by General Faurer in his letter to me, which I am enclosing. I am persuaded that a "brainstorming" session involving senior Department of Justice officials and senior Intelligence Community attorneys would be most helpful. If you identify for me a senior official in your Department who would coordinate such a session, I will have my General Counsel, Stan Sporkin, get in touch with that individual to help plan the session's agenda.

One additional subject which I believe should be discussed at this session is how to protect intelligence information when that information is relevant to narcotics or export control cases.

If this session is structured as a one-day conference/seminar that includes senior Justice, FBI officials as well as senior Intelligence Community legal personnel, I believe it would be extremely productive. It would help to focus thinking and perhaps might lead to a resolution of issues which have been troubling us for some time.

Sincerely,

/s/ William J. Casey

William J. Casey
Director of Central Intelligence

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